

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John V. Hanley on May 23, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 21, line 3, "a first leg" has been changed to -- a first tubular leg --;

Claim 21, line 3, " a second leg" has been changed to -- a second tubular leg --;

Claim 21, line 7, after "a terminal end portion" include -- located on a free end of the first leg, --;

~~Claim 22~~  
-- Claim 22, line 1, "claim 22" has been changed to -- claim 21 --.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to disclose all of the limitations of the claims including, "Wherein the first leg further includes a terminal end portion located on a free end of the first tubular leg, the terminal end portion lacking an external profile characterized by peaks and valleys."

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably